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SUBJECT: GHANA: DEMARCHE ON KOSOVO RECOGNITION

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Classified By: Ambassador Pamela E. Bridgewater for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Ambassador delivered ref B demarche February 14 to Ghanaian Foreign Minister Akwasi Osei-Adjei, stressing the need to support Kosovo's independence as soon as possible after it declares independence. Osei-Adjei indicated that Ghana has never supported secession movements. However, he said Ghana does support the right of self-determination, and said it must be clear that Kosovo has taken this decision as one of self-determination. The Foreign Minister promised to review our points, and get back to the Ambassador later in the afternoon. However, due to preparations for President Bush's visit next week, the Foreign Minister was not able to keep a follow-up appointment with the Ambassador.

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